

June 21, 1991

TO: Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer

RE: Review of operators response to the Division's review comments, Revised Notice of Intention, Tenneco Minerals, Tenneco Goldstrike Project, M/053/005, Washington County, Utah

I have completed my review of Tenneco's response to the Division comments on the Revised Notice of Intention. Their response addressed all of my concerns with the exception of those listed below. I consider these items to be minor issues and leave it to your discretion as to whether or not additional information regarding these issues should be requested.

R613-004-106 Operation Plan.

Page 43 of the 4/23/91 response indicated Ditch 1 (one of two unlined earthen ditches) is not currently planned to be left in place upon reclamation. There is no mention of the long term, post mining status for the other earthen ditch, Ditch 2. Due to its location and the post mining configuration of the drainage area this ditch may not cause erosional problems after operations cease. I would ask for your opinion on this matter.

R613-004-109 Impact Assessment.

There is still no verbal description regarding the highwalls which will remain in the Padre and Basin Pits after operations cease. However, the drawings do give an indication of their approximate maximum heights of 350 feet and 290 feet, respectively, and they have been described as having an angle between 50 to 56 degrees. If you or Holland do not have any problems with this I would request no further information.

R613-004-112 Variance.

The supplemental information provided regarding the safety and stability of the Basin Pit highwalls justifies the granting of a variance allowing these highwalls to remain.